

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**POST-GRADUATE**

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**Appointments and Positions**

1982- 1987	Departments of Radiology and Pharmacology, Duke University Medical Center	Assistant Professor
1988 -1993	Department of Pathology Medical College of Virginia Virginia Commonwealth University	Asst/Associate Professor
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### Consulting Activities

Becton Dickinson and Company, Research Center RTP, NC, 1982  
E.P.A., Genetic Toxicology, 1983  
E.P.A., Principal Author, Air Quality Criteria for Ozone and Other Photochemical Oxidants, EPA/600/8-84/020dF, August, 1986.  
Chapter 9: Chromosomal and Mutational Effects of Ozone.  
Rohm & Haas, 1987, Interspecies Comparisons of Xenobiotic Metabolism  
Pharmacia and UpJohn, Investigations with Human Hepatocytes, 1998-1999  
Stemnion, 2002-2006, Stem Cell Technology  
Cambrex-Lonza, 2000 -2009, Human Hepatocyte Isolation and Culture

### Special Awards and Recognition

University of Kansas Medical Center: Honors, Comprehensive Oral Examination for  
Doctorate and Honors, Final Oral Examination  
Fellowship from the National Cancer Institute, 1980-1982.  
Burroughs Wellcome Fund and Federation for the Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Visiting Professor in Basic Medical Sciences, 2000-2001  
Section Editor for Hepatocytes, Cell Transplantation 2000 –  
Board of Councilors, Cell Transplantation Society, 2002 –  
Board of Councilors, Hepatocyte Users Group, US.  
Founding member, Placental Stem Cell Society, 2009 –  
**President Elect, Cell Transplantation Society, 2009**

Investigational New Drug (IND) (1997 – current), approval by the US Food and Drug  
Administration (FDA) for the isolation and transplantation of human hepatocytes to treat liver  
disease.  
First group in the US group to gain FDA approval to transplant hepatocytes into patients with liver  
disease.  
Strom lab, the first laboratory approved by the FDA for hepatocyte isolation for clinical  
transplantation.

### Publications

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10. Novicki, D. L., **Strom, S. C.**, Jirtle, R. L. and Michalopoulos, G. (1982) Cryopreservation of Isolated Rat Hepatocytes. *In Vitro* 18: 393-399.
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2. **Strom**, SC, Fisher, RA, (2003) Hepatocyte Transplantation: New possibilities for therapy. Gastroenterology 124: 568-571, 2003.
3. **Strom** S.C. Bigger may not be better when it comes to hepatocytes. (2006) Liver Transplantation 12:16-18.
4. Bruzzone, P and **Strom**, SC. (2006) Historical aspects of hepatocyte transplantation. Transplant Proc. 38: 1179-1180.
5. Fisher, RA, and Strom, SC. (2006) Human hepatocyte transplantation: worldwide results. Transplantation 82: 441-449.
6. Miki, T. Strom, SC, Placental-derived multipotent stem cells (2006) Stem Cell Reviews 2: 133-142.
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2. **Strom**, S.C. and Michalopoulos, G. (1982) Collagen as a Substrate for Cell Growth and Differentiation. Methods in Enzymology, Volume on Structural and Contractile Proteins, L. Cunningham, Editor, 82: 544-555.
3. Butterworth, B.E., Doolittle, D.J., Working, P.K., **Strom**, S.C., Jirtle, R.L. and Michalopoulos, G. (1983). Chemically-Induced DNA Repair in Rodent and Human Cells. In: Banbury Report 13: 101-122.
4. Michalopoulos, G., **Strom**, S.C., Novotny, A.R., Novicki, D.L. and Jirtle, R.L. Human Hepatocytes in Primary Culture: Applications in Studies of Human Carcinogenesis. In: In Vitro Models for Cancer Research Vol. II M. Webber, ed. CRC Press, pp 9-21.
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6. **Strom**, S.C., Monteith, D.L., Manoharan, K. and Novotny, A.L. (1987) Genetic Toxicology Studies with Human Hepatocytes. In, The Isolated Hepatocyte: Use In Toxicology and



Xenobiotic Transformation, E.J. Rachman and G. Padilla, ed. Academic Press, Inc. Orlando Florida, pp 265-280.

7. Isom, H.C., and **Strom**, S.C. Role of Viral and Cellular Oncogenes and Growth Factors in Hepatocarcinogenesis in Culture and *In Vivo*. In: The Role of Cell Types in Hepatocarcinogenesis. A.E. Sirica, ed. 1992, CRC Press, Inc. pp 265-298.
8. **Strom**, S.C., Pisarov, L.A., Dorko, K.D., Thompson, M.T. Schuetz, E.G., Schuetz, J.D. (1996) The Use of Human Hepatocytes to Investigate the Regulation of Cytochrome P450 Genes, Methods in Enzymology 272: 388-401.
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10. **Strom**, S.C., Dorko, K., Thompson, M.T., Pisarov, L.A., Nussler, A.K. (1998) Large Scale Isolation and Culture of Human Hepatocytes. In Ilots de Langerhans et hepatocytes. Vers une utilisation therapeutique. Le Editions INSERM, Paris pp 195-205.
11. O'Connell, J.F., Cox, S., Buontempo, P., Skelton, A., Pisarov, L.A., Dorko, K. and **Strom**, S.C. (1998) Primary Human Hepatocyte Cultures for the Study of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). Methods in Molecular Medicine: Hepatitis C Protocols. 1998 Humana Press, Totowa, NJ. pp 495-500.
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15. **Strom** S. Ellis, E. (2008) Human hepatocyte transplantation, clinical experience. Principles of Regenerative Medicine, edited by Anthony Atala, Robert Lanza, James A. Thomson, and Robert M. Nerem. Academic Press/Elsevier 30 Corporate Drive, Suite 400 Burlington, MA 01803 (USA) ISBN 978-0-12-369410-2
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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### TEACHING

#### **Duke University (1982-1987)**

Mammalian Toxicology (PHR 354) Director, Dr. M. Abou Donia

3 Hours covering principles of chemical carcinogenesis and the causes of human cancer

Principles of Pharmacology and Toxicology (PHR 334), Dr. Gerald Rosen, Director, 9 hours covering basic cell biology/cancer biology, chemical carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, oncogenes and cancer induction.

General Pathology for Toxicologists (PTH 382), Dr. Doyle Graham Director, 2 hours covering basic principles and activation of oncogenes and the molecular aspects of cell growth and cancer.

Cancer Biology, Dr. George Michalopoulos, Director, 4 hours, role of oncogenes in normal and neoplastic cell growth.

Radiation Biology for Radiology Residents, Dr. Randy Jirtle, Director, 3 hours covering the genotoxic effects of radiation on developing systems, DNA damage and repair and radiation carcinogenesis.

Member , Graduate Faculty in Pharmacology and Toxicology

Primary faculty advisor, graduate students, Zahra Salehi, M.S. John Faust, Ph.D., 1990

Member, of oral exam and thesis advisory committee for 10 additional graduate students.

#### **Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University (1988-1993)**

Pathology 570, Experimental Approaches to Tumor Biology (Dr. Joy Ware, Director)

three hrs of lecture and discussion on general principles of carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and cancer induction and basic mechanisms of signal transduction in normal and transformed cells.

Pharmacology PMC 638 Advanced Toxicology (Dr. Norbert Kaminski, Director) two hrs, covering molecular mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

Pharmacology PMC 625 Biochemical Pharmacology (Dr. Larry Povirk, Director), three hrs covering molecular mechanisms of oncogene activation and their cellular consequences.

*Surgical Pathology Lectures to Residents*

Modern Techniques in Molecular Biology. Covering and explaining molecular biological techniques the residents will encounter in daily reading of scientific literature, their uses and limitations.

Radiation Oncology Residents, Principles of Radiobiology, two lectures covering all aspects of Oncogenes, Growth Factors and Cellular Transformation.

Faculty advisor, graduate student, Sharon Presnell

Member, thesis committee for seven graduate students.

Faculty advisor for two medical students in the summer research in Pathology program, 1988-1989. Maria Poggi, won first place in the departmental competition in 1989.

Dean's Representative, Oral Examination May, 1990

Member: Pathology Graduate Program Committee (1989-1993)

Member: MCV, Four Year Subject Matter Committee (1989-1993)

Reviewer/Judge of Research Papers for Forbes Day (1988-1992)

Reviewer Research Proposals (In House, (1989-1993) for A.D. Williams, American Cancer Society

Director, MCV/Massey Cancer Center, Human Tissue Acquisition Facility, (1990-1993)

Program Director, Massey Cancer Center, Program in Carcinogenesis and Tumor Biology 1990 -1993.

**University of Pittsburgh (July 1993-present)**

Pathobiology, MSCMP2740 The pathobiology and molecular basis of human diseases. Roy Frye and Cristian Achim, directors. Three lectures (3 hrs) covering liver, alcoholic injury, necrosis, fibrosis, regeneration, carcinogenesis and viral hepatitis. (1998 -2001)

Cancer Biology and Therapeutics, MSCMP 3710 and MSPHL 3310

S. Katyal and J. Yalowich, directors. 2 lectures (2 hrs) covering chemical carcinogenesis, DNA damage, nutrition and cancer.(1996 – 2009).

Cell Structure, Metabolism and Nutrition. Medical Course 5111, S. Morris, director

PBL Facilitator, 6 cases, 42 contact hours. (1998 – 2004), 1 session 4 contact hrs 2006.

MSCMP 2730: Molecular Mechanisms of Tissue Growth and Differentiation, Dr. Katyal and Michalopoulos, Director. 2 hrs, Direct Mitogens; Chemical-Induced Liver Regeneration (2000 -2009) and The Placenta (2005-2009).

Stem Cells, S.P. Monga, Director, one and a half hrs, Hepatocytes from Nontraditional Sources. 2002- 2005.

Course Director, Cellular Therapy, MSCMP 3770 and BOENG 3770, Summer session. 6.0 hrs lecture, General Principles and Hepatocyte Transplantation,. (2005-2009)

In House Grant Reviewer, IMRF (1994-  
Graduate Recruitment Committee, 2002-2003  
Invention Review, Technology Transfer Office, 1998, 1999, 2001,2005,2007.  
Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) committee 2006 -

**Teaching (Pittsburgh Only)**

Member, Graduate Faculty

Advisor, Graduate Students, Minji Jo, Mara Molitor, Ph.D program

Advisor, Medical Student, K.K.Y. Lai, Research Year, 1997-1998. Elective, 12 weeks, 1999.

Advisor, Nisha Sambamurthy (rotation, (2008)

Advisor, Brian Sicari, (rotation 2008)

Advisor, Marc Hansel (rotation, 2008)

Advisor, Qian Sun (Katie) (Rotation, 2008)

Advisor, Graduate Student, MarC Hansel, Pathology, (2009 - )

***Dissertation Committee Member***

Yingze Zang, Pathology 1997-1998

Dai-Wu Seol, Pathology, 1997-1998

Jie-Gen Jiang, Pathology, 1997-1999

Tae-Hyung Kim, Pathology, 1998-1999

Aaron Bell, Pathology, 1998-1999

Vinod Ramachandran, Pharmacy, 1999-2001

Peter Pediaditakis, Pathology, 1998-2001.

Angela Glading, Pathology, 2000-2002

Yongee Zhao, Pathology, 2002-2004

Hui Tan, Pharmacy, 2003-2005

Zheda Khan, Pathology, 2003-2005

Vladimire Sandulach, 2004- 2006

Bernard Komoroski, Pharmacy, 2003 - 2005

Aarati Ranade, Pharmacy 2004- 2006

Xin He, Department of Pathology 2006 – 2008 (10/26/07, 3/24/08)

Eric Tatro, Department of Pathology, 2006 – 2008 ) (10/17/07, 4/15/08)

Kristen Skvorak,, Cell and Molecular Biology.2006 – 2008

Tiffany Sellaro Biomedical Engineering, 2006 – 2008

Shringi Sharma, School of Pharmacy 2006- (12/20/07 – 11/2009 )

Lauren Drowley, Biomedical Engineering, 2007 – 2009.

Yvonne Chao, MD, PhD Program (2008 - )

Kari Nejak-Bowen (2008 - )

Rohan Manohar, (2008 - )

Nissanne Ghonem, School of Pharmacy, ( 2008 - )

Ian Bahr, Biomedical Engineering (2008 - ).

Sarah Beckman, Pathology, 2009 -

***Research Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows***

Vsevolod Kostrubsky, Ph.D. 1997-1999, Drug Metabolism with Human Hepatocytes

Hongbo Cai, MD, Ph.D., 9/99 – 2006 Hepatocyte Transplantation, Hepatocyte Culture Models

Fumiaki Nakazawa, MD, Ph.D.10/99 –2001Hepatocyte Transplantation, Animal Models.

Thomas Lehman, Ph.D. 2003- 2006 , Optimizing Human Hepatocyte Cultures

Toshio Miki, MD, Ph.D., 10/01- 2006, Stem Cell Biology

Ewa Ellis, Ph.D. 2004 – 2008. Human Hepatocyte Isolation Transplantation

Keitaro Mitamura, MD, 2005 – 2/2007 (Surgeon), Human Hepatocyte Isolation and Transplantation.

Aarati Ranade, 2006 – Drug metabolism with human hepatocytes and hepatocyte-derived stem cells.

Fabio Marongiu, 2006- 2009, Differentiation of amniotic stem cells to hepatocytes, transplantation.

Roberto Gramignoli, 2007 -2009

Veysel Tahan 8/1/08 –

**Summary, Dr. Strom as Primary Mentor for MS and Ph.D candidate students, all sites.**

Zahra Salehi, M.S., Duke University

John Faust, Ph.D, Duke University

Sharon Presnell, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University

Maura Molitor, M.S., University of Pittsburgh

Minji Jo, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Marc Hansel, Ph.D candidate, University of Pittsburgh (current)

## RESEARCH

### Active Grant Support Current Year

Grant Title:	RC1 DK 086135-01, Mice humanized with hepatocytes and iPS cells from patients with metabolic disease.		
Source:	NIH / NIDDK,		
P.I.	Stephen Strom, 25% Effort		
Years inclusive:	10/1/2009 – 9/31/2011		
2-year support:	Direct:	\$	650,000
	Indirect:	\$	340,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>980,000</b>

The goals of this application are to humanize the liver of special immunodeficient mice (FRG, deficient in FAH, RAG-2 and the common Gamma chain of IL2 receptor) by transplantation with human hepatocytes and iPS cells (induced to differentiate to hepatocytes), from patients with metabolic liver disease. The diseases under study are OTC deficiency, and Progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis (PFIC-2, the BSEP defect) and possibly Crigler-Najjar. The mouse models for these diseases do not reflect the phenotype or the severity observed in human patients. Thus, we will try to recreate the human disease by repopulation of the FRG mouse with metabolic disease hepatocytes and iPS cells generated from hepatocytes or fibroblasts, that have been induced to differentiate to hepatocytes in culture. In addition, we propose to attempt to correct genetic defect in the mutant iPS cells by methods such as homologous recombination or gene transduction. Thus, in the future, a patient might be able to receive an autotransplant of his corrected hepatocytes to correct the metabolic liver disease.

Grant Title:	Liver Tissue and Cell Distribution System (LTCDS)		
Source:	NIH / NIDDK, Multicenter GrantAward		
P.I.	Harvey Sharp,		
P.I.	University of Pittsburgh, Stephen Strom, 5% Effort		
Years inclusive:	02/01/99 – 3/31/2011		
Current Year:	Direct:	\$	121,711
	Indirect:	\$	50,359
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>151,077</b>

This is a multicenter award from NIH/NIDDK that provides partial support to supply human hepatocytes and human liver tissue to other NIH-funded investigators. Dr. Strom is the Director of the program for hepatocytes and normal liver. Diseased liver is obtained from other labs. The Strom lab is the national center for distribution of normal human liver and isolated (normal) human hepatocytes.

Grant Title	Regulation of drug metabolizing enzyme ontogeny	
Source:	NIH/ R01 GM081344	
PI:	Ronald Hines, Medical College of Wisconsin	
PI:	University of Pittsburgh, Stephen Strom	
Inclusive Dates:	3/1/09 -2/28/2013	
Costs	Direct	\$105,753
	Indirect	\$ 53,934
	<b>Total</b>	<b>159,687</b>

The goals of this research are to follow the maturation of the human liver drug metabolizing enzymes in culture and, *In Vivo*. We use chromatin IP procedures to identify genes and transcription factor pathways activated at different stages in differentiation of the human fetal and neonatal liver. Since the fetal hepatocytes show only modest levels of maturation in culture (to date), in addition to the in vitro experiments, we transplant the fetal cells into the liver of mice and follow maturation of the human cells, *in vivo*. Human fetal hepatocytes, from mid gestation liver show slow approximately 75-80% maturation to the adult phenotype over 6 months post transplantation into the mouse liver.

Grant Title:	Pharmacogenetics of Anticancer Agents	
Source :	NIH/NCI, U01 Multicenter Grant	
PI:	Mark Ratain, Univ.Chicago,	
PI:	University of Pittsburgh, Stephen Strom, (25%)	
Years Inclusive:	4/1/00 - renewed 6/30/05 - 6/2010	
Current Year:	Direct	\$ 94,558
	Indirect	\$ 48,224
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 142,782</b>

The Strom laboratory is part of this multicenter study and serves as the normal liver bank for these studies and our laboratory isolates and cultures human hepatocytes and conducts drug metabolism and induction experiments with cultured cells to obtain genotype/phenotype information on drug metabolizing pathways in human liver.

Grant Title:	Hepatic differentiation of placenta-derived stem cells for toxicology	
Source:	Pfizer	
P.I.:	Stephen Strom (15%)	
Inclusive Dates:	1/1/08 – 12/31/09	
Costs:	Direct	\$ 245,854 (2 years)
	Indirect	\$ 135,220
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 381,074</b>

In these studies, we examine different stem cell sources to produce functional hepatocytes for pharmaceutical research. We focus on amnion-derived stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS) generated from human amnion epithelial cells, human fibroblasts and normal (and diseased) human liver.

Grant Title	Studies of Hepatocellular Cancer in humanized mouse models.
Source	Vertex Pharmaceuticals
Co-PI	Stephen Strom
Inclusive Dates	2010 – 2012,



Costs	Direct	\$ 130,000
	Indirect	\$ \$66,300
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ \$196, 300</b>

Human hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) does not routinely engraft and proliferate well following xenotransplantation into immunodeficient mice. We propose that the human liver microenvironment is critical to xenograft survival and function. We propose to humanize the liver of immunodeficient mice and isolate and transplant primary HCC (not cultured cell lines) to develop and optimize this model for HCC research and use it to test the efficacy and toxicity of new drug entities.

## Research Related Activities

### Study Sections/Ad. Hoc Reviewer of Research Proposals

Environmental Protection Agency, July, 1984, Principal researcher and author of US Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) summary finding on Ozone Toxicity.

Pew Foundation. Reviewer of Research Grants, January, 1985

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Review of Research Grants 1-2 times per year, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1993

National Institutes of Health, 1987; 1992

NCI-CSSG Review Committee Member Oct. 1992

American Cancer Society

Cell and Developmental Biology Committee (Study Section), 1989-1990

Personnel for Research, Section C, 1991-1993

Vetrens Administration Medical Center Merit Reviews, 1993

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda Md (NIH)

NIAAA, Alcohol and Toxicology Study Section, 1999

Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma (SAT), 2000

NIAAA, Alcohol and Toxicology Study Section, Feb. 2006

NIAAA ZAA1 DD (72) Alcohol Metabolism and Epigenetic Effects on Tissue Injury  
July 24-25, 2006

NIH, ZRG DIG -E 10B Digestive Sciences and Bioengineering  
Special Emphasis Panel, Nov 15, 2007

NIH ZRG1 DKUS -B 02 M, Special Emphasis Panel, January 16, 2009

NIAAA, ZRG1 Dig-E, JJ45-1, Special Emphasis Panel, May 5 2009

NIH/NIAAA RC 2009, June 2009.

NIH/ NCI Tumor Microenvironment (TME), June 14-15, 2010

California Inst. for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

April 2008, RFA 07-04, Disease Team Planning Awards

RFA 07-05, New Cell Lines

Sept. 9-10, 2008, RFA, 08-02, Tools and Technology

Feb 9-11, 2009 RFA 08-05, Early Translations

Grant applications from Netherlands, (2001) and Italy, 2002

Israeli Scientific Foundation (ISF), 2003 and 2004

UK, Wellcome Trust, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 1/2008

Cancer Research, UK, 2005,

German Federal Ministry for Education and Research, Cell based regenerative medicine, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, Förderprogramm Zellbasierte, Regenerative Medizin (BMBF 612-71470-2, (2005)  
 German Federal Ministry of Education (BMBF) "Cell based regenerative medicine, Berlin Germany, August ,2008)  
 Fonds De La Recherche Scientific-FNRS, (Medicale)Bruxelles, Belgium (1/2009)  
 KWF Kankerbestrijding (Dutch Cancer Society) Delflandlaan, Amsterdam, September 09  
 Dutch Digestive Foundation, July 2010

#### **Journal Reviewer:**

Cancer Research	Genes and Development
Molecular Pharmacology	Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology
Toxicology Letters	Cell Transplantation
Chem-Biol Interactions	Surgery
Environmental Mutagenesis	J. Hepatology
Carcinogenesis	Drug Metabolism and Disposition
Differentiation	Molecular Pharmacology
J. Cell Physiol	Transplantation
Biochemistry	Liver Transplantation
In Vitro	Genes and Development
American J. Pathol.	Cytotherapy
Molecular Carcinogenesis.	Proc. Natl Acad. Sciences
International J. Cancer.	Hepatology
Transplantation	Gastroenterology
Europ. J. Biochem	Nature Medicine
Nature Biotechnology	

#### **Editorial Board**

In Vitro Cell Growth and Differentiation (1998 -)  
 Cell Transplantation (1998 - )  
 Cell Transplantation, Section Editor for Hepatocytes (2000 - )  
 Chinese Journal of Surgery (2003 - )  
 World Journal of Hepatology (2009 - )  
 Liver Disease Review Letters (2009 -)

#### **Professional Societies**

American Association for Advancement of Science  
 Cell Transplantation Society 1995-2009  
 American Association Study of Liver Disease 1995- 2009  
 International Society for Stem Cell Research. 2003 -2009  
 American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP), one of the FASEB societies 2007,  
**President Elect, Cell Transplantation Society, 2009-2011**

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**1978-1993**

Michigan State University, Carcinogenesis Laboratory, 1978  
 American Health Foundation, Naylor Dana Institute for Disease Prevention, 1978.  
 University of Minnesota, Duluth, Department of Pharmacology, 1982.  
 University of Alabama, Birmingham, Cancer Center-Pharmacology, 1982.  
 Duke University, Department of Pharmacology, 1982.  
 N.I.H., Bethesda, MD, Oncogene Activation and Hepatocarcinogenesis Conference on Regulation of Growth and Differentiation Normal, Regenerative and Neoplastic Hepatocytes, Nov. 6-7, 1986.  
 National Inst. Environ. Health Sciences Symposium on Basic Research in Risk Assessment, Research Triangle Park, NC, March 9-12, 1987.  
 Title: Can In Vitro Studies Assist Us in Species Extrapolation.  
 Duke University Toxicology Program, 9/7/87  
 Title: Interspecies Extrapolation of Carcinogenic Risk  
 Lavale University, School of Pharmacy, Quebec, Canada, 9/15/87  
 Title: Genotoxicity Studies with Human Hepatocytes.  
 Lavale University, Cancer Center, Quebec, Canada, 9/16/87  
 Title: Activated Oncogenes in Hepatocarcinogenesis.  
 West Virginia University, Department of Pharmacology, 10/6/87  
 Title: Activated Oncogenes in Hepatocarcinogenesis.  
 FASEB Summer Research Conference, Neoplastic Transformation of Liver Cells, Copper Mountain, CO International Symposium August 14-19, 1988.  
 Title: Transformation of Liver Cells With Oncogenes  
 Symposium on the Pathobiology of Neoplasia, Richmond, VA  
 April 27-28, 1989. Title: Activated Oncogenes in Hepatic Neoplasia  
 Normal and Neoplastic Growth in Hepatology: Interface Between Basic and Clinical Science, International Symposium June 21-24, 1989, Pugnochiuso-Foggia, Italy  
 Title: Transformation of Liver Cells with Oncogenes.  
 Eli Lilly, Toxicology Division, Transformation of Liver Cells With Oncogenes  
 February, 1990  
 FASEB Summer Research Conference Hepatic Regeneration and Carcinogenesis: Molecular and Cellular Pathways, July 30 - Aug. 3, 1990 Copper Mountain, CO.  
 Title: Transformation of liver epithelial cells with an expression vector for rat transforming growth factor- $\alpha$ : Complementation with c-myc.  
 National Disease Research Interchange, Third International Conference Sept 16-18, 1990 Washington, D.C. Title: The use of human hepatocytes for studies of genetic toxicology.  
 FASEB Summer Research Conference Hepatic Regeneration and Carcinogenesis: Molecular and Cellular Pathways, July 12-17, 1992 Snowmass, CO.  
 Title: Simian Virus 40 immortalization of Human Hepatocytes.  
 American Cyanamid Research Laboratories, Nov, 1992. Xenobiotic and Drug Metabolizing Enzymes in Human Hepatocytes.  
 NIH, Laboratory of Experimental Carcinogenesis Dec. 4, 1992, immortalization and Transformation of Human Hepatocytes.  
 University of Pittsburgh, Department of Pathology, Dec 17, 1992, Use of Human Hepatocytes for Carcinogenesis Research.  
 Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Jan 12, 1993, The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Carcinogenesis Research.  
 University of Pittsburgh Cancer Center, March 11, 1993, Molecular Mechanisms of Hepatocarcinogenesis.

University of Colorado Liver Research Center, April 15, 1993, The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research.  
International Symposium, Pathobiology of Neoplasia, Richmond, VA, April 21, 1993, Hepatocyte Transplantation Sustains Life in Acute Liver Failure

#### 1994

NIH, Laboratory of Experimental Carcinogenesis, 1994, Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research.  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Liver Research Center, Bronx, NY, February 1994 Human Hepatocyte Transplantation Supports Life in Terminal Liver Failure.  
FASEB Symposium, Anaheim, CA, 1994, Induction of Xenobiotic Metabolism and Cytochrome P450 Genes in Human Hepatocytes.  
FASEB Summer Conferences, Hepatic Regeneration, August 1994, Transplantation of Human Hepatocytes Supports Life in Terminal Liver Failure, Copper MT, CO

#### 1995

FASEB Conference, Prostate Biology and Neoplasia, January 17, 1995 Palm Springs, CA Growth Factor Requirements of Human Prostate Epithelial Cells,  
Society of Toxicology, March 7, 1995, Baltimore, MD, Regulation of Human Cytochrome P450-genes in Human Hepatocytes. Special Symposia on the Use of Human Organs and Tissues in Research.  
Schering-Plough, Kenilworth, NJ, March 1995, The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research..  
  
Park-Davis, Ann Arbor, MI, April 10, 1995, The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research  
Gift of Life Organ Procurement Agency of Michigan, Continuing Education Series, April 11, 1995 Hepatocyte Transplantation Supports Life in Terminal Liver Failure  
Isis Pharmaceuticals, Carlsbad, CA, Human Hepatocytes in Toxicology Testing and Drug Development, August 16, 1995  
Transplant Resource Ctr of MD, Baltimore, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation. Oct. 13, 1995  
St. Louis University Health Sciences Center, Department of Pharmacology, Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Studies, October 19, 1995.  
American Health Foundation, White Plains N.Y., Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research, October 25, 1995.  
Southwest Transplantation Conference, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Nov 4, 1995, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
University of Georgia, Department of Surgery, Grand Rounds, Nov. 17, 1995, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
NIH, Bethesda, MD., Hepatic Stem Cells, December 9, 1995. "The Role of C-kit and Stem Cell Factor in Human Hepatic Diseases".

#### 1996

Burlington, VT, Keystone Conferences, Hepatitis C and Beyond January 23-29, 1996, "Isolation, Culture and Infection of Human Hepatocytes With Hepatitis C."  
Southwest Organ Bank, Dallas Texas and Baylor Medical Center, Department of Transplantation Surgery and 2/27/96, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
Schering-Plough Research Inst. Kenilworth, NJ, 3/21/96, Mouse/Human Chimeric Models for Hepatitis C.

Medical College of Georgia, Regional Meeting, Organ Transplantation, Present and Future.  
Human Hepatocyte Transplantation, March 23, 1996 Savanna, Georgia.  
Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA, Department of Pharmacology, "Human Hepatocytes  
in Basic and Clinical Studies", and "Investigation of Drug Metabolism with Human  
Hepatocytes" , April 29, 1996.  
University of Nebraska, Department of Transplant Surgery, Omaha, NE May 2, 1996  
"Human Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
American Society for Artificial Organs, National Meeting, May 4, 1996, Washington Hilton,  
Washington, DC, Session on Liver Assist Devices, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
Baylor Medical Center, Department of Transplantation Surgery, June 13, 1996  
Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
North American Transplant Coordinators Organization (NATCO), Annual Meeting,  
August 5, 1996, " Bridging to Transplantation" , " Human Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
FASEB Summer Conferences, Hepatic Regeneration, Snow Mass CO. August 6, 1996  
Isolation Culture and Infection of Human Hepatocytes with Hepatitis C.  
INSERM, Institut National, de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale, Meeting "Therapeutic Use  
of Hepatocytes and Pancreatic Islets" Human Hepatocyte Transplant, Nov.15-17,1996.  
BIOWHITTAKER Walkersville, MD, Transplantation of Human Hepatocytes, December 15, 1996.

#### 1997

University of California, San Francisco, Department of Transplantation Surgery, Human  
Hepatocyte Transplantation, January 15, 1997.  
Starzl Transplant Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Feb. 10, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
Clonetics, Corp. San Diego CA. April 11, 1997 Transplantation of Human Hepatocytes.  
Boston University, Department of Gastroenterology, Boston MA, and Diacrin Inc. Transplantation  
of Human Hepatocytes.  
South West Organ Procurement Agency, Coordinators Regional Meeting, Dallas, TX.  
Human Hepatocyte Transplantation, June 19, 1997.  
University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City ,KS, Dept. of Pharmacology. August 27-28,  
The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies.  
International Symposium on Culture Systems for Hepatitis Research. Schering Plough Research  
Institute, Kenelworth, NJ. Nov. 12. Studies of Hepatitis C with Human Hepatocytes.  
Society for In Vitro Biology, Regional Meeting and Food and Drug Administration Intercenter  
Tissue Engeneering Working Group, Laurel MD. November 18. Human Hepatocyte  
Transplantation.  
Glaxo-Wellcome, Ware, England, Dec. 2, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical  
Studies.  
SmithKline-Beecham, The Fryth, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, England, Dec. 3, The Use of Human  
Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies.  
Zenica Pharmaceuticals, Manchester, England. Dec. 4, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic  
and Clinical Studies.  
Chiron Corporation, Emmerlyville CA. Dec. 18-19, Human Hepatocytes as a Model System for  
Hepatitis C Research.

#### 1998

Schering-Plough Research Inst. Kenelworth, New Jersey, February. 10, 1998  
A Novel, In Vivo, Model for Hepatitis Research.  
Abbott Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Park, IL, March 13, 2 Seminars "The Use of Human Hepatocytes



for Basic and Clinical Studies", and "In Vitro Investigations of Hepatitis C".  
 University of Pittsburgh, Dept. Pharmacology, April 24, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies.  
 University of Washington, Seattle, Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health, April 29, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies.  
 Pharmacia and Upjohn, Kalamazoo, MI, Infectious Diseases, May 5, "The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies" and "In Vitro Studies of Hepatitis C"  
 King's College Hospital, London England, 2 Biennial Alex Mowat Pediatric Hepatology Update June 1+2, 1998, "Human Hepatocyte Transplantation-Technical Aspects"  
 Bristol Meyers-Squibb, Wallingford CT. June 10, 2-seminars, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies and In Vitro Investigations of Hepatitis C.

Eli Lilly Indianapolis IN Human Hepatocytes is basic and clinical research. and In Vitro investigations with Hepatitis C Virus., June 17-18, 1998  
 University of Chicago, Department of Surgery, Division of Transplantation, June 26, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
 International Conference, Choice of Cell Lines for High-Throughput Screening, Aug 13-14, 1998 "Cultured Human Hepatocytes for Pharmaceutical Research" San Diego, CA.

## 1999

Chiron, Corp. Emeryville, CA, *Human Hepatocyte Models for Hepatitis C*. Jan 19-21, 1999.  
 Regenerative Technologies, Gainesville, FL. *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*, Jan 24-25, 1999  
 Glaxo-Wellcome, Research Triangle Park, NC, Feb. 17-18, 1999. *The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Drug Metabolism and Hepatitis Research*.  
 Encell, Inc. Greenville, NC. *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*. April 12-13, 1999.  
 TestSmart – A Humane and Efficient Approach to SIDS Data, Workshop, Alexandria Virginia, April 26-27. *Human Hepatocytes for Drug Metabolism and Toxicity Testing*  
 Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians & Scientists, 1999 Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL, June 3- 5, 1999. *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*  
 Society for In Vitro Biology, New Orleans, LA, June 5-7, *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*.  
 Hoffmann LaRoche, Nutley, NJ, August 5-6, *The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research*  
 Am Assn. Tissue Banks, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 8/20-22, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
 Parke-Davis, Ann Arbor, MI 8/23-24. *The Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Research*  
 Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy, Oct.5-7, 1999. Intl. Conference on "Therapeutic Liver Repopulation" *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*.  
 AASLD, Dallas Texas, Early Morning Workshop, Nov 5-9, 1999. *Hepatocyte Transplantation*  
 NIH, Bethesda, MD, Stem Cell Meeting. *Use of Fetal Hepatocytes for Clinical Transplants*. Dec 10, 1999  
 Brown University/ Rhode Island Hospital, *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*. Dec 21, 1999

## 2000

Geron, Inc. SF, CA. *Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Studies*, Feb. 1-2.  
 Schering Plough, Kenilworth, NJ, *In Vitro Models for HCV*. March 16-17



Smith-Kline Beecham, King of Prussia, PA, *In Vitro Models of HCV*, April 2-3.  
 Am Soc. Invest. Path. FASEB, San Diego, CA, April 15, 2000 *Human Hepatocytes for Clinical Transplants*  
 Immunex, Seattle, CA, May 9-10, *TRAIL-Induced Apoptosis in Human Hepatocytes*.  
 Bayer Pharmaceuticals, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Uses.  
 8<sup>th</sup> International TNF Congress. Trondheim, Norway, May 14-19, *TRAIL-Induced Hepatocyte Apoptosis*. Chair, 2 sessions on TNF-Defense and Disease, May 16, 17.  
 Pfizer, Groton CT. June 26-27. *Use of Human Hepatocytes in Basic and Clinical Studies*.  
 International Workshop on Hepatocyte Transplantation, London, UK, June 29  
 June 30, Seminar: *Human Hepatocyte Transplantation*, King's College University, London  
 Gordon Conference, Drug Metabolism, July 9-14, 2000. *Modeling Human Hepatic Function, In Vitro*  
  
 FASEB Summer Conference Mechanisms of Liver Growth and Differentiation in Health and Diseases *Human Hepatocyte Isolation and Transplantation* Snowmass, CO, July 29-Aug 3, 2000.  
 Merc and Company, August 14-15, The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies. University of Chicago August 17-18.  
 Dept Clinical Pharmacology. The Use of Human Hepatocytes for Basic and Clinical Studies, Dept. Surgery Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
 Am Assoc Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) Presenter, Early Morning Workshop #311, "Hepatocyte Transplantation", Oct 29, 2000.  
 International Conference "Therapeutic Use of Human Cells", Padua, Italy, Nov 29-Dec.3, 2000 Human Hepatocyte Isolation and Transplantation

## 2001

Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Cancer Consortium, Pittsburgh, PA 2/24/01, Trail Toxicity to Human Hepatocytes  
 Human Genome Sciences, Rockville, MD, Trail Toxicity Towards Human Hepatocytes, 3/27/01  
 Alabama Organ Center, Birmingham, AL. In Service Lecture Human Hepatocyte Transplantation 4/26/01.  
 UNOS Area 6 Meeting, Portland OR, 5/3/01, In Service Lecture: Hepatocyte Transplantation. Merck and Co., Philadelphia, PA, "Use of human hepatocytes for hepatitis research"  
 Moorehouse School of Medicine, May 7 – 12, 2001, Wellcome Visiting Professor  
 Dept. of Pharmacology, May 8, Investigating Drug Metabolism with Human Hepatocytes. Surgery Grand Rounds, May 9, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
 New England Drug Metabolism Group, Worcester, MA, May 13 Invited Lecture "Use of Human Hepatocytes for Drug Metabolism Studies"  
 Intl. Liver Transplantation Society Meeting, Berlin, Germany, July 11-13, "Fetal Human Hepatocytes for Clinical Transplants"  
 NIH/NIAAA, Dr. Bin Gao, Lecture, "The use of human hepatocytes in basic and clinical studies" Sept 6, 2001  
 Indiana Organ Procurement Org. (IOPO) In Service Lecture: Human Hepatocyte Transplantation Falk Symposia, No 124-126, Progress ion Gastroenterology and Hepatology, 2001, Sept 28- Oct 3 Hanover Germany, "Hepatocyte Isolation for Clinical Transplants".  
 Cell Transplantation Society Meeting, Keystone, CO.  
Director, Hepatocyte Program and Speaker,  
 Oct 14-17, "Fetal Human Hepatocytes for Clinical Transplants"

Organ Donor Services, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 18 "Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
 Nevada Donor Network, Las Vegas, NV In Service Lecture Oct. 19 "Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
 Am Assoc Pharmaceutical Sciences, Invited Lecture, Human Hepatocytes in Drug Metabolism  
 Studies Oct 23, Denver CO.  
 Am Assoc Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) Invited Speaker, Early Morning Workshop,  
 "Hepatocyte Transplantation".  
 Southern California Organ Donor Services, In Service Lecture "Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
 San Diego, CA Nov. 14.  
 Los Angeles Donor Services, LA,CA, Nov. 15 In Service Lecture "Hepatocyte Transplantation"  
 Pharmacia, St. Louis, MO, Drug Metabolism Nov 19, Drug Metabolism Studies with  
 Human Hepatocytes.

## 2002

Use of Human Hepatocytes to study Drug Metabolism, Strategic Research Institute Conference,  
 Philadelphia, PA March 5  
 Transplantation of Human Hepatocytes, Gift of Life, Hartford CT. March 14  
 Transplantation of Human Hepatocytes, Organ Procurement Agency, Seattle WA, March 18  
 International Meeting of the Pediatric Transplantation Society, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
 "Human Hepatocyte Transplantation" (Meeting Cancelled because of Terror Concerns)  
 Alpha-1 Foundation, Stem Cells and New Therapies, Miami Fla, April 17-20. "Human Hepatocyte  
 Transplantation".  
 Midwest Toxicology Society, May 16-17, Drug metabolism studies with human hepatocytes.  
 AASLD Single Topic Conference, Airlie VA June 7-9, "Human Hepatocyte Transplantation".  
 Center for In Vitro Sciences, June 19, "Toxicology studies with human hepatocytes"  
 IOPA, Iowa City, Iowa July 17, "Transplantation of human hepatocytes"  
 Albany NY, Organ Procurement Agency, "Human hepatocyte transplantation", Sept. 24  
 Regenerative Medicine Inst., Washington DC, Dec 3, "Human hepatocyte transplantation".  
 Predictive Toxicology, Philadelphia, PA December 11, "Toxicology studies with human  
 hepatocytes"

## 2003

Magee Women's Res. Inst. Placental Stem Cells, Jan 31, 2003  
 Pharmacia, Kalamazoo, MI, February 19, "Humanizing mouse livers with human hepatocytes"  
 International Meeting of the Cell Transplantation Society; Atlanta, Ga. March 4, "Cell  
 transplantation; hepatocytes to stem cells, plus Chair 2 sessions.  
 Society of Toxicology, Salt Lake City, UT. March 10 Symposium, Use and application of stem  
 cells in toxicology, Title: "Hepatocytes from Stem Cells"  
 Engineering Tissue Growth, Intl Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa, March 21, "Cell Therapy for Liver  
 Disease"  
 Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Bridgewater, NJ, April 2, "Toxicology studies with human hepatocytes"  
 Crigler-Najjar Assn. Lancaster, PA. Annual meeting June 11-12, Title: Human Hepatocyte  
 Transplantation  
 Liver Proteome, NIH, Bethesda Md. July 17-18, Banking of Human Liver Tissue and Isolated Cells.  
 Toxicity of Herbal Products, NIH, Bethesda, MD. Sept 8-9, Title Studies of Herbal Products with  
 Human Hepatocytes.  
 Iowa Donor Network, Annual Meeting, Des Moines Iowa, Sept 18-19, Transplantation of Human  
 Hepatocytes.  
 Ohio State University, Columbus, Surgery Grand Rounds, Oct 8. "Human hepatocyte

transplantation"

Pfizer Global Research, Grotton CT. Oct 16, Pluripotent Stem Cells from Placenta.

AASLD, Boston Annual Meeting, Chair Session "Cellular Therapy", Oct. (26.3-4PM).

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Dec 1. "Cell Transplantation: From Hepatocytes to Stem Cells"

Northeastern Ohio Univ.Medical School, Rootstown, OH. Biochemistry, Dec 10. "Studies with

Human Hepatocytes"

## 2004

Penn. State Univ. Jan 21, Center for molecular toxicology and carcinogenesis, "Cell Transplantation: From Hepatocytes to Stem Cells"

Intl. Society Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX), Vancouver, BC Satellite Meeting, Hepatocyte Users Group, Human Hepatocytes, Optimization of culture conditions. August 28, 2004.

Georgetown University, Department of Gastroenterology, Grand Rounds, Hepatocyte Transplantation., September 1, 2004.

NIH/NIDDK, (John Tisdale) Stem Cell Derived Hepatocytes., Sept. 2, 2004

Intl. Congress of the Transplantation Society, Vienna, Austria, Sept 5-10, "New Directions in Hepatocyte Transplantation"Sept 7.

Intl. Cell Transplantation Meeting, Boston, MA November 17-20, 2004., Director Hepatocyte Sessions, Chair, Hepatocyte Transplantation Session, Presentation Cell Transplantation, from hepatocytes to stem cells.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Advisor Board. "Perspectives in Cell Therapy with Hepatocytes", November 19, 2004, Boston MA..

## 2005

Third International Symposium on Hepatic Failure and Artificial Liver. March 24-27, Suzhou, P.R. China, Presentation, Hepatocyte transplantation for the treatment of liver disease.

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Department of Pathology, April 15. Cell Transplantation, from hepatocytes to stem cells.

University of Rome, La Sapienze, Department of Surgery, April 18.(or 24) Hepatocyte Transplantation.

Meeting on Regenerative Medicine and Artificial Organs, April 20-22, 2005, Palermo, Italy, Presentation, Hepatocyte transplantation for the treatment of liver disease.

European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Porto, Portugal, June 1-5. Presentation, Large scale isolation of human hepatocytes for transplantation, past, present, future.

Expert Workshop on Stem Cell-Derived Hepatocytes, July 7-8, Frezenious, Inc. Frankfort, Germany, Title Placental Stem Cells.

Showa University International Life Science Symposia, Sept 17, Tokyo, Japan, Title Human Hepatocyte Transplantation for Liver Disease.

## 2006

Alpha 1 Foundation single topic conference, Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency and other liver diseases caused by aggregated proteins. Emery conference center, Atlanta, Ga, Jan. 26-28., Session, Novel therapies, presentation, Hepatocyte Transplantation.

Department of Hepatology, Hannover Medical School, Hannover Germany, Stem Cell Derived Hepatocytes. January 17, 2006.

Cytonet, Hannover Germany, January 18, 2006. Title: Hepatocyte Transplantation.

University of Kansas Medical Center., Kansas City Kansas. March 14, 2006, Title: Hepatocyte transplantation from hepatocytes to stem cells.

Cell Transplantation Society, International Meeting, Milano, Italy, May 19-21, 2006

Human hepatocyte transplantation.

Japanese Society for Research on Hepatic Stem Cells, June 30-July 1, 2006, Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan.  
 Title, Human hepatocyte transplantation for liver disease.  
 Pfizer Global, Groton CT, Amnion –derived Stem Cells, Potential uses for Toxicology.  
 World Transplant Congress, Boston MA, July 22-27, 2006. Hepatocyte Transplantation for Metabolic disease. (July 27).  
 Valencia, Spain, November 4, 2006. Hepatocyte Transplantation, an Overview.

## 2007

Hepatic Failure and Artificial Liver, Chongqing, PR China, Hepatocyte Transplantation, March 9-12, 2007.  
 CK, Ltd. Hong Kong, China. March 15-17, 2007, Title Placental Stem Cells.  
 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Regenerative Medicine and adult stem cell. Seoul Korea and RNL, Ltd.  
 Title: Amnion derived stem cells. March 19-21, 2007.  
 Placenta derived stem cells, Workshop., March 23-34, 2007. Brescia, Italy. Title Amnion-derived stem cells.  
 Am. Soc Investigative Pathology (FASEB), May 1, 2007, Wash DC. Title, Placental Stem Cells.  
 International Study Group for Stem Cell Therapy, Hurghada, Egypt, May 8-11, 2007.. Hepatocyte transplants from liver to stem cells.  
 Society of Toxicology, Michigan Chapter, Stem Cell Derived Hepatocytes. May 18, 2007  
 NIH/NIDDK, Conference on Methylmalonic Acidemia (MMA). June 17-19, 2007, Title Hepatocyte transplantation for metabolic liver disease.  
 Rozman Symposium, Langhorn, PA , May 24, 2007, Cell Transplantation, from hepatocytes to stem cells.  
 2007 Frontiers in Human Embryonic Stem Cells, Advanced Training Course – Pittsburgh; August 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> . Lecture: Placental Stem Cells. And demonstration workshop. Aug 10  
 Cell Transplantation Society, International Meeting, Minneapolis MN. Sept 15-20, 2007,  
 Title, Mature Liver Functions.  
 Japanese Society of Hepatology, Iwate, Japan Hepatocyte Transplantation Sept 28-29, 2007.  
 2nd International Symposium on Regenerative Medicine and adult stem cell. Seoul Korea, November 7, 2007.  
 Carl-Gustav Groth Lecture, Congress of the Swedish Society of Medicine, November 29, 2007. Title: Hepatocyte Transplantation, State of the Art.

## 2008

International Conference on Stem Cell Research, Yamaguchi University, Japan, Feb 2, 2008, Title Hepatocyte Transplantation.  
 Falk Symposium # 163, Chronic Inflammation of the liver and Gut, Hang Zhou , P.R.China, March 14 and 15, 2008. Title: Hepatic stem cells: therapeutic options for the future.  
 CK Biotechnologies, Hong Kong, PRC. March 19, Stem Cell-derived hepatocytes.  
 New Jersey Drug Metabolism Group, May 7, 2008, The use of human hepatocytes in drug metabolism research.  
 Study Group for Stem Cell Therapy, Hurghada, Egypt, June 25-28,2008. Hepatocyte transplants from liver to stem cells.  
 ESH-EHA, Scientific workshop on mesenchymal stem cells, Mandelieu, France, 6/30 – 7/2.  
 California Inst. Regenerative Medicine, July 7-8, Th use of stem cells in toxicology research.  
 Vertex Pharmaceuticals, 7/28. Human hepatocytes in drug metabolism studies.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Intl.Collaborative Symposium on Stem Cell Research, Seoul Korea, Sept 18-19. Stem

Cells from Amnion.

Am. Assoc Blood Banking, Montreal, Canada, Oct 4-7, Human Hepatocyte Transplantation.

Taiwan Intl. Somatic Stem Cell Symposium. Nov. 8, Stem Cells from Amnion.

International Hepatobiliary Surgery Forum, Hunan National University, Changsha, China. Nov. 13-15,  
Human hepatocyte transplantation to treat liver disease.

2009

International Workshop, Placenta-derived cells for the treatment of inflammatory diseases: moving toward clinical application, March 13-14, Fondazione Poliambulanza Istituto Ospedaliero, Brescia Italy, Title, Placental stem cells for regenerative medicine.

Karolinska, Institute and Hospital, March 17, Lecture in Cellular Therapy Course " Placental stem cells for regenerative Medicine"

Lecture # 2, March 19, Hepatocyte Transplantation in a murine model of intermediate Maple Syrup Urine Disease (iMSUD). Department for Clinical Science, Intervention and Technology CLINTEC

American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS) Workshop Drug transporters in ADME from bench to bedside. March 29-April 1, 2009, Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore. "Stem cell derived hepatocytes and humanized mice, new technology for research (April 1)

Cell Transplantation Society, International Meeting, April 20-21 Okayama Japan, Discussion leader and Chair, Stem cell-derived hepatocytes and mature hepatic function.

TERMIS Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine International Society, August 31-Sept. 3, Lotte Hotel World, Seoul Stem Cell Symposium, Seoul, Korea, Keynote Speech, "Amnion derived stem cells for regenerative medicine". Morning Sept 3.

International Consensus Group Meeting on Hepatocyte Transplantation, Kings College, London Sept 6-7, 2009. Participant, Group Leader, Session 1 Sources of Hepatocytes, In charge of writing the report.

2<sup>nd</sup> International Liver Symposium-Isparta, Anatolia, Turkey, Sept. 24-27, "Hepatocyte transplantation, from stem cells to hepatocytes". Lecture 2, New Tools for liver research, stem cell-derived hepatocytes and humanized mice.

National Meeting of Turkish Society of Gastroenterology, Oct 14-17, 2009, Ankara Turkey. Cell Transplantation, from hepatocytes to stem cells

Stem Cell USA & Regenerative Medical Congress, November 16-18 in Washington D.C.

Hepatocytes from Stem Cells. (Cancelled for Sweden Trip).

Karolinska Institute. Liver-Based Regenerative Medicine., November 14-16

International Study Group for Stem Cell Therapy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, Nov 19-2, Liver-Based Regenerative Medicine.



**2010**

Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, March 9, 14, Lecture and laboratory, Stem Cell Course, Amnion-derived Stem Cells. Seminar, Humanized mice, tools for studying drug metabolism and toxicology.

8<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Trauma, Shock, Inflammation and Sepsis – TRIS 2010, March 9-13, Munich Germany, Lecture March 11, Liver-Based Regenerative Medicine.

Gordon Conference on Drug Metabolism, July 11-16, Holderness School in Holderness, New Hampshire, US, Title: Humanized mice and stem cell-derived hepatocytes, new tools to study drug metabolism and toxicology

FASEB Summer Research Conference, Liver Growth Injury and metabolism: basic and applied biology conference, August 15-20, 2010.



## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Hepatocyte transplantation as a clinical treatment of liver disease.
- Expression and the regulation of drug metabolizing enzymes and transporters in human liver.
- Regulation of human hepatocyte replication and differentiation
- Production of hepatocytes for transplantation from stem or progenitor cells.

## Personal Statement

My laboratory investigates human liver biology, pathology and disease. We first modeled liver cancer based on human liver mediated metabolism of chemical carcinogens. These studies lead to our development of methods to isolate human liver cells (hepatocytes). Our studies then included and soon became focused on the regulation of the expression and induction Cytochrome P450 genes, where we collaborated, mainly with the Schuetz laboratory and later with the Omiecinski laboratory and helped define the molecular mechanism responsible for the regulation the expression of CYP3A4 and 3A5, and eventually other PXR or CAR target genes.

In 1992, our use of human hepatocytes took a more clinical direction, when we and concurrently the Mito Group in Japan, became the first groups to transplant human hepatocytes into patients with liver disease. We received the first, Investigative New Drug (IND) approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct clinical hepatocyte transplants. My laboratory was the first facility to be approved for the isolation of human hepatocytes for clinical transplants. We soon became the liver cell bank for hepatocyte transplant efforts around the US and supplied cells for patient transplants at 4 medical centers. Our transplant group has transplanted over 25 patients, the largest series to date.

We understand that the limiting factor in the use of hepatocyte transplants as a clinical therapy is the availability of useful cells. Thus, we have begun serious research efforts into trying to generate normal, mature human hepatocytes from adult and fetal stem cells (mainly human amnion and fetal liver) as well as Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hES) and now also Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (h-iPSC).

Recent new efforts have focused on maintaining our isolation techniques to a GMP level and to identify metabolic assays that will predict human hepatocyte function, and can be completed within 2 hrs of cell isolation. This is necessary to establish "Lot Release Criteria" to evaluate human hepatocytes prior to release for clinical transplants. In addition, we focus on methods to enhance engraftment and proliferation of hepatocytes following transplantation. We use surface markers or other physical characteristics of hepatocytes to identify specific subfractions that might show enhanced engraftment or proliferative potential as compared to the general cell population.

We have identified several roadblocks that prevent a more successful implementation of hepatocyte transplantation. Our laboratory has always been relatively small, usually 4 - 6 people, who are dedicated to the investigation and development of methods to optimize clinical hepatocyte transplantation protocols at every step of the process. We are collaborating with a Biotech company to develop and optimize the use of new FDA-approved enzyme mixtures for liver tissue digestion. We have identified useful short term assays to quickly and accurately predict hepatocyte function prior to transplant. We are investigating and improving methods for short-term cold-storage (24-72hrs) and long-term cryo-storage of human hepatocytes. And finally, we investigate multiple cell sources from stem cells to subfractions of human hepatocytes to try to identify those cells with the highest engraftment and proliferation potential.

SHORT CAREER BIO, (usually sent for introductions for speaking engagements)

Dr. Strom started his research career in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, where he studied the effects of cancer chemotherapeutic agents on bone marrow colony-forming stem cells.

He understood very quickly that it might be easier to prevent cancer than to cure it so in 1978 he chose to do postdoctoral work at Duke University under George Michalopoulos, a well know researcher in liver regeneration, where he studied chemical carcinogenesis. In order to make the data relevant to humans, Dr. Strom developed techniques to isolate hepatocytes from human liver tissue to identify how human liver cells metabolized chemical carcinogens. Dr. Strom worked at Duke University for a total of 10 years first as a postdoctoral fellow and subsequently as an Assistant Professor.

In 1988 He moved to the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond Virginia, where he soon made contact with a transplant surgeon, Dr. Robert Fisher, and they began to make plans to transplant hepatocytes into patients to treat liver disease. In late 1991 and 1992, 2 groups of investigators conducted the first clinical trials of human hepatocyte transplantation, Dr. Mito in Japan and Drs. Strom and Fisher in Richmond.

Dr. Strom then Moved to Pittsburgh in 1993 and his laboratory was the first in the US to receive FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval for the isolation of hepatocytes for clinical transplants. Dr. Strom's laboratory continued to serve as a hepatocyte bank for transplants at 5 different Medical Centers in the US. He and his colleagues have transplanted over 25 patients with different types of liver disease.

Dr. Strom is the Director for Hepatocytes, for a US, National Institute of Health (NIH) NIDDK-funded program to isolate and distribute human hepatocytes for basic science. This program serves as the national bank for normal human liver. They procure human liver and isolate human hepatocytes and distribute them to other NIH-funded scientists throughout the US for research. In approximately 8 years this program has already distributed more then 20,000 plates or flasks of human hepatocytes to researchers throughout the US. They also maintain a frozen bank of approximately 300 human livers that investigators can request normal liver tissue for research purposes.

Dr. Strom has been the Associate Editor for Hepatocytes for the Journal Cell Transplantation since 2000 and is currently the President of the Cell Transplantation Society. He has published over 200 research papers, review articles and book chapters and is currently a Professor in the Department of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh.

## Research Plans, Stephen Strom, Ph.D.

My over all goals are to identify methods to improve hepatocyte transplantation as a therapy for liver disease. The 5-year research plan described here is based on the road-blocks I perceive for hepatocyte transplantation and the unmet needs for this field of clinical investigation. To accomplish these goals I will focus on the studies below.

1. Improve the cell sources for transplantation.
  - Develop techniques for assessing hepatocyte function prior to transplantation.
  - Develop new cell sources for transplantation.
2. Develop a better understanding of the human liver diseases as they pertain to cell transplantation and develop improved animal models of human liver diseases.
3. Research into human liver biology and physiology with humanized mouse models.

### 1. Improve Cell sources for Transplantation.

The major impediment to expanding the use of hepatocyte transplantation (Htx) to larger numbers of patients is the lack of useful cells. To improve the cell sources for transplantation we focus trying to assess and improve the existing source, adult human hepatocytes, and also to develop potential new sources of cells for transplant such as fetal and neonatal liver, and stem cell sources from human amnion epithelium (hAE) or human ES or induced-pluripotent stem cells (iPS).

a) Optimize Tissue Digestion. The first studies we are, and will continue doing, to improve the existing cell source (human liver) is to work with a small biotechnology company to develop and optimize a new mixture of highly purified enzymes for liver tissue digestion that are optimized for cell isolation while being produced under GMP conditions so that it can be used for clinical Htx. With constant feedback from our laboratory on the results of different mixtures, we have helped formulate a mixture that digests human liver well and provides cells with high viability and plating efficiency. These studies are critical because there is only 1 source of GMP grade enzymes for tissue digestion. It is absurdly expensive and was formulated for islets and does not work well on human liver. When complete, we will have identified the proper mixture of highly purified, specific digestive enzymes that are optimized for human liver cell isolation. The entire field of Htx will benefit from these studies (1-2 years).

b) Develop Methods to Assess Liver Function Prior to Transplant. In my experience, there is little time between the isolation of cells for transplant and their actual use in the procedure. Thus, techniques are badly needed to assess liver function prior to Htx to insure that they will be useful for Htx. Our laboratory has considerable experience with the use of human hepatocytes for basic science, mainly CYP450-mediated drug metabolism and induction studies (see CV). Based on this experience we are developing methods to assess hepatocyte function with tests that can be completed within 2.5 hrs of isolation. These tests also must assess a broad range of liver functions. In addition we propose to miniaturize these assays when possible with methods that can be completed with fewer than 100,000 cells and formatted to 96 well-plates for ease in reading results. We are examining HPLC-based, fluorimetric and also colorimetric assays for applicability, sensitivity and reproducibility. We recently have begun a series of experiments with luminescent assays which show great promise. These assays will be examined head-to-head on a series of human livers to determine which ones seem to provide the most reliable information, based on correlations with cell viability and plating cell efficiency. Assays being investigated include measurements of CYP450 mediated metabolism (4 families), so-called phase II or conjugation reactions, ammonia metabolism and apoptosis assays. We will investigate ATP assays and some more directed towards specific metabolic liver diseases such as UGT-1A1 assays that would predict efficacy of the cells for transplants into Crigler-Najjar patients. Although not an immediate goal,

we will also work to optimize cryopreservation techniques with human hepatocytes. These cells generally do not freeze well and a variety of approaches with cryo-solutions and freeze rates will be the initial approach. The aim of this research is to establish "Release Criteria" for the cells that can be written into Htx protocols and provided to the regulatory authorities. These release criteria will form the basis of acceptance or rejection of the cells for eventual human transplants. These assays and criteria will be shared with other transplant groups throughout the world to help all of us interpret the quality control data generated by each center. As a final step of this quality control section of research we will develop an engraftment assay. All previous short-term tests are conducted to predict which cells will perform best following transplantation into patients. Our eventual goal will be to establish the release criteria as described above and to develop an assay that measures sustained engraftment of the human cells into immunodeficient animal. Initial studies will examine 30 day (and perhaps longer) survival, post transplant into SCID mice. Different sites such as under the kidney capsule, single or multiple liver lobes, spleen and perhaps subcutaneous fat pad injections will be examined for ease, reproducibility and sensitivity. This is considered to be a critical future goal of my research, to find an engraftment assay that can be implemented with each series of cells that are actually transplanted into patients. As data is accumulated, we will eventually determine which release criteria and engraftment assays provide the best prediction of eventual function in patients.

#### c) Alternative Sources of Cells for Transplantation.

One of the advantages of cell rather than organ transplants is the ability to use different sources of cells for the procedure and to incorporate new developments such as stem cell sources as they become available. To overcome the shortage of cells for Htx we propose to examine a series of different cell sources, fetal and neonatal hepatocytes, stem cells from human amnion, and other pluripotent cells such as human ES and iPS generated stem cells. As most of the transplants we propose to conduct involve patients with metabolic liver disease it is not clear that donor hepatocytes would have a growth advantage over the native cells. (This important assumption will be directly examined see Aim 4 below) Thus, following transplantation there may be little stimulus to proliferate. In preliminary studies, following transplants into SCID animals fetal hepatocytes were found to proliferate for several months following engraftment that resulted in 20-30 times higher levels of repopulation of mouse liver than was observed when equal numbers of adult hepatocytes were transplanted. Based on RNA studies, we could determine that the fetal cells also differentiated following Htx. These results suggest that we could transplant 20-30 times fewer cells and obtain the same levels of repopulation, or get 20-30 times higher levels of repopulation of patients than if equal numbers of adult cells were transplanted. Since only small numbers of cells can be isolated from fetal liver, we may have to try to expand the cells in 2D or 3D cultures or bioreactors to provide more cells for transplants. A similar but largely unused liver tissue resource is neonatal livers. There are many deaths in the neonatal period from a variety of causes that not used for whole organ transplant because of the size. Most would likely be quite useful for cell transplantation. We will also have to work with the organ procurement agencies, neonatologists and NICU staff, neurologists and pediatric hepatologists and PICU staff to help identify potential tissue donors and access this largely unused resource. We have experience with the isolation, cryopreservation and actual transplant of these early pediatric livers and have found them to be quite useful for every application studied. These fetal and neonatal livers should be particularly useful for transplants of neonates with life threatening metabolic liver disease or acute liver failure. Each cell type will be examined with the release criteria and engraftment assays described above to establish function and potential efficacy following transplantation. An alternative source of cells for transplantation is pluripotent cells isolated from human amnion epithelium. We were the first to discover and report the stem cell characteristics of these cells (Miki et al). They express surface markers and genes commonly observed on human ES cells (SSEA3, and 4, TRA-1-60, or 181, Nanog, Oct-4, Sox-2, Rex 1), but are not immortal or tumorigenic when transplanted. These differentiate to all three germ layers (pluripotent) and when cultured under



specific conditions, they express virtually all genes expressed in normal human liver. In preliminary studies, following transplantation into SCID mice they were found to express mature liver levels of 31 of 32 genes examined, including most genes deficient in metabolic disease patients (only UGT1A1 was lower). Thus hAE may be quite useful as substitutes for human hepatocytes in Htx. We recently reported that hepatocyte transplants extended survival and largely corrected the imbalances observed in plasma and brain amino acids and neurotransmitters in a mouse model of MSUD (Skvorak et al., 2009a,b). In exciting preliminary data, we have found that hAE transplants work as well as authentic hepatocytes at extending survival. Amino acid and neurotransmitter levels are being examined now. We will continue this exciting area of stem cell research and will focus on, in vivo, differentiation of the cells and on the attempted correction of mouse models of metabolic liver disease with hAE (MSUD, PKU). While embryonic stem cells are also a potential resource that we have examined (Besma et al., 2009), we believe that iPS will play a more important future role in regenerative medicine. We recently received substantial NIH funding for this line of research and within 1 month made 3, iPS lines from human hepatocyte cultures. We also have additional lines previously made from human fibroblasts, and are beginning characterization of the lines for complete reprogramming and for their ability to differentiate to hepatocytes. We will begin with the differentiation techniques we established in Besma et al., and will modify our differentiation protocol as needed and as directed by the results of the research. The ultimate goal of establishing iPS cells is for autologous transplantation of cells in patients with metabolic or chronic degenerative liver disease. Future plans for patients with metabolic liver disease would to make stem cells from biopsies of their liver or fibroblasts, correct the genetic alteration present in the genes causing their disease, and then differentiate the stem cells back to hepatocytes for future autotransplant. Although it seems fictional, it could actually be accomplished with technology that already exists. Approached for genetic corrections would likely include homologous recombination techniques, and possibly gene therapy involving viral or plasmid transfection. We are not skilled in these repair technologies and will need to collaborate with more skilled researchers when we have the mutations in our iPS cells characterized from patients with metabolic liver disease.

## **2. Develop a better understanding of the human liver diseases as they pertain to cell transplantation and develop improved animal models of human liver diseases.**

The target population for most of our transplants will be patients with metabolic liver disease, thus we will investigate these diseases in a variety of ways. Unless the metabolic liver disease results in acute liver failure, fibrosis or cirrhosis, such as with tyrosinemia type 1, or ALAT deficiency, is it generally believed that there is no liver pathology associated with the defect. Htx will work best when there is ongoing cell death of native hepatocytes and sustained growth stimulus to donor cells, such that over time, the native liver becomes replaced with normal (donor) hepatocytes. It is believed, based on the absence of liver pathology that there normal cell turnover rates with most metabolic liver diseases. However with high amino acid levels observed with MSUD, or organic acidemias, or even with PKU, it seemed to us that there might still be significant cell turnover of the liver of these individuals. Based on these assumptions we have begun to study the available mouse models for metabolic liver disease and in preliminary results, have found that there are frequently 5-30-fold increases in the rates of apoptosis (based on tunnel positive cells) and a similar increase in the rate of cell replication (based on Ki67 positive cells). These results suggest that there is significant turnover of hepatocytes in these metabolic liver diseases even when they do not progress to fibrosis, cirrhosis or liver failure. This also suggests that normal donor hepatocytes that do not express the mutant gene might demonstrate a growth advantage if they were transplanted into these animals. We propose to examine liver tissue from representatives of every metabolic liver disease group for tunnel and Ki-67 analysis. We will also quantify the rates of replication of native and donor hepatocytes (tagged), post transplant, to directly measure the relative rates of replication of each cell type. In parallel studies we will establish ethical permission and IRB approval

to examine blocks of tissue from patients with these liver diseases to conduct the similar analysis. We will determine if the Tunnel and Ki-67 assays will be useful to predict a growth advantage to donor cells. If so, this simple procedure could be implemented on a case by case basis, where a biopsy from a patient considered for Htx therapy might be examined to determine the relative growth advantage we might expect post transplant. This could also be a method to stage patients and choose the candidates most likely to respond to Htx therapy.

## 2-b) Develop Improved Animal Models of Human Liver Diseases

The liver performs over 3,000 functions critical to maintaining the organism, ranging from production and secretion of proteins such as albumin, clotting factors and antiproteases, to metabolism and excretion of exogenous compounds such as drugs or toxins as well as endogenous compounds like hormones, bilirubin and bile acids and cholesterol. Liver-based metabolic disease can result from mutations in genes in these critical pathways. Transgenic or knock-out mouse models have been created for many of these diseases, but they do not always faithfully reproduce the human disease. For example mutations in the bile salt export pump (BSEP) results in severe cholestasis and fibrosis in human patients requiring whole organ transplants, yet the knockout mouse is nearly without a phenotype. While many patients with alpha-1-antitrypsin (A1AT) deficiency develop liver fibrosis/cirrhosis requiring liver transplantation, the transgenic mouse model carrying mutant human genes shows an extremely mild phenotype. The mouse model for a deficiency of ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) activity, the rate limiting step in ammonia metabolism, is useful, however the animals tolerate a diet containing normal amounts of protein, while severely affected human patients require severe protein restriction to prevent lethal hyperammonemia. Mice (and rats) are particularly poor models for studying liver fibrosis and cirrhosis, common features of many human liver diseases. "Humanized mice" may offer a platform to both the study and treatment of metabolic liver disease and hepatic fibrosis and cirrhosis. Thus in a recent grant application we proposed, the hypothesis, that the best models for human metabolic liver disease are those created from the affected human hepatocytes. Thus, we proposed to "humanize" the liver of FRG mice by transplantation of affected human hepatocytes to create authentic models of human metabolic liver disease. These mice are immunodeficient and also deficient in the tyrosine catabolic enzyme, fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase (Fah<sup>-/-</sup>) and develop irreversible liver failure if left untreated. However, if Fah-proficient cells are transplanted, they readily and rapidly repopulate the native liver with donor cells, even if the donor cells are of human origin (a). To create these models, the liver of FRG mice will be "humanized" with hepatocytes derived from patients with metabolic liver disease. In addition, iPSC technology will be utilized to reprogram the liver cells from metabolic disease patients and following hepatic differentiation, additional mice will be humanized with iPS-derived hepatocytes. These humanized mouse models can then be compared to the authentic diseased liver with respect to changes in clinical chemistry (of the patient or animal), the histopathology of the liver and gene and protein expression profiling of liver tissue. In this manner, we will be able to determine if the humanized models developed with these procedures faithfully reproduce the phenotype observed in the patient. In addition to the direct effects on metabolic liver disease, success with these models will facilitate the use of humanized mouse models to investigate other liver based diseases such as Wilson's and Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency and may even lead to better-humanized models for primary liver cancer, acute liver failure and viral, alcoholic and autoimmune hepatitis and even the hepatic stage of malaria, especially if a human immune system were reconstituted in addition to the liver. Reconstitution of the liver with normal hepatocytes could provide useful animal models for research into the pathology and treatment of fibrosis and cirrhosis. These humanized mouse models of metabolic liver disease can form a platform technology to study gene and cellular therapy in models particularly relevant to patients. As described above, using iPS technology we propose to correct the genetic defects in metabolic disease patients and to examine the correction and function of the cells in this mouse model. This project was recently funded



by NIH.

### **3. Research into human liver biology and physiology with humanized mouse models**

Using the FRG mouse as described above (and Azuma, et al.), we believe that we can also make relevant humanized mouse models for the study of human biology and physiology. As this model is new, we need to characterize it more completely. First we propose to transplant a series of animals with the same donor human hepatocytes and harvest liver tissue at specific times and examine the gene expression profile of the resulting mice by gene array and quantitative RT-PCR to determine if the phenotype of animals derived from the same donor cells are similar to each other, and also to the donor liver.

Additional studies will examine serial transplants. Since the FRG mouse is a knock-out there can never be competition between the cells in the mouse liver and donor hepatocytes. This unique feature of our model (not contained in the previously established uPA-SCID model) allows serial transplants, that is, harvest of hepatocytes from one humanized mouse to generate more mice by transplantation of cells into additional recipients. This allows the maintenance of useful human cells beyond the lifetime of the recipient mice and could afford an almost limitless number of duplicate animals for study. However, like the primary recipients (above), we need to characterize the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation mice and examine the gene expression profile of the resulting mice by gene array and quantitative RT-PCR to determine if the phenotype of the primary cells are maintained through serial generations of animals. We will characterize the gene profile and also analyze the metabolic capacity of the human hepatocytes isolated from representative animals. We will focus on CYP450 gene expression and induction, phase II conjugation pathways and liver transporter expression and function. We propose that we could examine human hepatocellular carcinoma formation, following exposure to agents such as Aflatoxin B1, a proven human carcinogen to which human cells are extremely sensitive whereas, mouse liver is considerably more resistant. Thus, we could establish the first mouse model to investigate human liver carcinogenesis.

In addition to metabolic studies, these mice offer some unique insights in hepatic biology and physiology. In initial studies we have determined that as the liver becomes humanized, that mouse bile acids are replaced by human bile acids in accordance with the level of repopulation with human cells. Thus, these animals have humanized enterohepatic recirculation of bile acids and these mice offer unique access to the investigation of hepatic uptake and excretion of bile acid and other agents such as hormones, or drugs in human cells, *in vivo*. Additionally, we have observed that as the level of human hepatocytes increase in the mouse liver the cholesterol levels in the mice raise to levels normally observed in humans, thus they increase from range of 10-20 in mice to the 150-300 range as observed in humans, thus these animals might be useful models of hepatic cholesterol biosynthesis and elimination, and perhaps even the vascular effects of excess cholesterol. Once characterized in greater detail as described above, I believe these humanized mouse models will become tremendously valuable for the investigation of CYP450 mediated drug metabolism and elimination, hepatic toxicity of administered drug or chemical agents, the investigation of human viral pathogens such as Hepatitis B and C and a variety of normal processes in the liver such as insulin signaling and resistance, clotting processes, hepatic fibrosis and cirrhosis and a variety of other normal and disease processes not even considered here.

The brief descriptions above only serve as a general outline of proposed future research. While some are more at a basic science stage, such as the humanized mouse studies, most of the remaining studies are directed towards basic and clinical research to support the hepatocyte transplant program.